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SUBJECT: ICELAND-UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: GOI WILL WITHHOLD AMBASSADOR TO LONDON AS "PROTEST"

1. FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON IS QUOTED IN AFTERNOON PRESS AS SAYING GOI IS DELAYING DISPATCH OF NEW AMBASSADOR TO UK AS PROTEST OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN FISHERIES DISPUTE.

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2. AS PART OF LONG-PLANNED MFA PERSONNEL CHANGES, AMBASSADOR

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NEILS P. SIGURDSSON HAS LEFT LONDON TO TAKE UP AMBASSADORSHIP IN BONN. HIS REPLACEMENT, SIGURDUR BJARNASON, FORMER GOI AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK, IS RETURNING TO ICELAND TODAY AND WILL REMAIN HERE UNTIL SITUATION IN FISHERIES DISPUTE WARRANTS SENDING HIM TO LONDON, ACCORDING TO AGUSTSSON.

3. FONMIN TOLD INTERVIEWER, "WHILE DECISION WHETHER TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH HMG IS UNDER CONSIDERATION, IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO SEND NEW AMBASSADOR TO UK. FISHERIES DISPUTE WILL DETERMINE WHEN HE WILL TAKE UP RESPONSIBILITIES IN LONDON. IT MAY BE SAID THAT THIS IS PROTEST ON OUR PART BECAUSE OF FISHING LIMITS MATTER." AGUSTSSON ADDED THAT IN MEANTIME ICELANDIC EMBASSY IN LONDON WOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION UNDER CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.
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